Extension of service to Judicial Officers.

240. * **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the principle of giving extension to officers in the Judicial Department after completing 25 years' service, is accepted by them ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the conditions and the reasons for the same ; and

(*c*) the number of officers in the subordinate judicial service who have been given extension in the year 1111 ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) & (*b*) In the Judicial Department officers are, as a rule, retired when they attain their 55th year of age. In the case of ministerial officers, such as Sheristadars, Head Clerks and Copyists, extensions of service are granted up to the 60th year of age to those who are found physically and mentally fit for further service, irrespective of the fact that they have completed 25 years of service or otherwise.

(*c*) 48.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know whether the period of retirement of judical officers has been extended to the fifty-seventh year of age ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the extensions were given on the recommendation of the subordinate officers ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice. I have not got the details connected with all the forty-eight officers who have been granted extension of service.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : In fixing the period of retirement at sixty, may I know whether Government consider that the ministerial officers in the Judicial Department have less work requiring mental strength than the ministerial employees in other departments ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : This rule applied to the ministerial staff not only of the Judicial Department but of all departments.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the age of retirement of judicial officers has been extended from fifty-five to fifty-seven ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have already answered 'no'!

MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*) : May I know whether extensions are given because of paucity of men ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir. There is a plethora of men.

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MR. R. SIVARAMAN NAIR (*Tiruvalla II*): Then on what principle are extensions given?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): When ministerial officers are physically and mentally fit extensions are given to them.

Valiakulam tank in Eraniel.

241. *MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether water could be stored for irrigation purposes in the Valiakulam tank in Eraniel *pakuthi* now;

(*b*) how long it is since the tank was filled up with sand;

(*c*) when the tank was last repaired;

(*d*) the extent of that tank and the extent of the *ayacut* wet lands fed by the same; and

(*e*) whether the ryots under that Kulappuravu made repeated representations to the Chief Engineer and to the Government to restore the tank for agricultural purposes?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For about 25 years.

(*c*) The information is not available.

(*d*) The tank is 11 acres in extent and has an *ayacut* of 59 acres.

(*e*) Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether this is a minor or a major tank?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think it is a minor tank.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether any repair was done during the last 12 years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The honourable member knows that when the Kodayar Project was completed many of these tanks were left fallow.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether that tank was repaired at any time after it was constructed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): All that I know is that for the last 25 years it has been silted up.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether it can be used for agricultural purposes?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know what action has been taken by Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings, and Irrigation*): The Government have called for an estimate for putting the tank into repair.

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